

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA  
RICHMOND DIVISION

MATTHEW E. LAURITZEN,

Plaintiff,

v.

CAROLYN W. COLVIN,  
*Commissioner, Social Security Administration,*

Defendant.

Action No. 3:13-CV-320

**ORDER**

THIS MATTER is before the Court on Plaintiff Matthew E. Lauritzen's objections to Judge David J. Novak's Report and Recommendation ("R&R") affirming the Social Security Administration's denial of an application for Social Security Disability ("DIB") and Supplemental Security Income ("SSI") payments. The decision of Defendant Carolyn W. Colvin, the Commissioner of the Social Security Administration, to deny benefits was based on a finding by an Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ") who determined that Lauritzen is not disabled according to the Social Security Act ("Act"). Because the ALJ applied the correct legal standard and came to a conclusion supported by substantial evidence, the Court **OVERRULES** Lauritzen's objections and **ADOPTS** Judge Novak's R&R as the ruling of this Court. Accordingly, Plaintiff's Motion for Summary Judgment (ECF No. 9) is hereby **DENIED**, the Defendant's Motion for Summary Judgment (ECF No. 14) is hereby **GRANTED**, and the final decision of the Commissioner is hereby **AFFIRMED**.

Let the Clerk send a copy of this Order to all counsel of record.

It is **SO ORDERED**.

/s/  
**James R. Spencer**  
Senior U. S. District Judge

ENTERED this 17<sup>th</sup> day of September 2014.